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*Memorandum*

TO :

DATE: 21 November 1966

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FROM :

SUBJECT: Pickets (SDS Variety) University of Missouri at Columbia.

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Approximately a dozen members of SDS picketed my recruitment effort at the University of Missouri on November 15, 16 and 17. The attached newspaper articles will indicate their gripes. Also attached is a copy prepared for me by the local office of Army Intelligence. On the 16th, the SDS were issuing a mimeographed sheet - also attached.

Six SDS members made interview appointments for 16 November. One cancelled his appointment, three interviewed, and two were "no show". I listened to their gripes and attempted to answer some of their questions by explaining our role as defined by the National Security Act. I visited for approximately an hour with the president of the organization and we parted on what appeared to be friendly terms.

Because of the additional publicity, increased interest resulted and my services were needed at the university for an additional day. I told the SDS president this and he promised that he would gather his pickets for the additional day. I suggested that he might make some new signs which would raise legitimate questions and he told me they would. They did not, however, picket on that last day.

As an aside, Dean Jack Matthews made a poster to counter-picket. I understood their picketing on the 17th was so brief that he was not aware of their presence and was not able to counter-picket. Rather than let his sign go to waste, he used it to demonstrate to a faculty committee of some sort that evening.

On Wednesday morning (November 16th) Mr. Martin Manning of Army Intelligence presented his credentials and we visited briefly. We made arrangements to have dinner that evening with another Army Agent, Mr. William McDonough. Manning and McDonough were able to give me a briefing of sorts concerning the SDS organization at MU and some of their members (see attached). I think it might be good manners on our part if an official letter to the Army Intelligence Service were written thanking them for their assistance (where's the FBI?).

All publicity was local in nature. The Columbia and Jefferson City television stations had brief portions of their news program showing some of the SDS members. The Jefferson City TV station offered me equal time which I dismissed as giving further attention and publicity to SDS. I did give a brief "party line"



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